LITHUANIA TOO OPTIMISTIC ABOUT JOINING NATO, SAYS MP

VILNIUS, Jul 11, BNS - Lithuania is too optimistic about the prospects of becoming a member of NATO, MP Vytautas Pleckaitis said Tuesday. Pleckaitis, who is a member of the parliament's Foreign Affairs Committee, last week attended a session of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe. The meeting in Ottawa was attended by 230 parliamentarians from 48 countries. Pleckaitis said NATO Deputy Secretary-General Sergio Silvio Balanzino stressed during the session that a discussion on the alliance's eastward expansion is not yet on the organization's agenda.

STOCKHOLM, Sweden--(BUSINESS WIRE)--July 14, 1995-- Ericsson telecommunications has received an order from Mobilios Telekomunikacijos in Lithuania for delivery and installation of a GSM cellular phone system. The contract has a total value of $24 million. Deliveries will take place over the next three years. The first part of the system will be delivered and put into operation during 1995.

Mobilios Telekomunikacijos is a joint venture company between investors in Lithuania, Denmark and Luxembourg. Lithuania is the 35th country to purchase Ericsson's GSM cellular system.

LANDSBERGIS DENOUNCES SLAYING OF CIVILIANS IN CHECHNYA

VILNIUS, Jul 10, BNS - Lithuanian opposition leader Vytautas Landsbergis on Monday denounced Russian troops for the slaying of civilians in Chechnya. "Hate-filled occupants act like this in foreign countries, the ground of which burns under the feet of invaders," the opposition leader said in a written statement. Eight Chechen civilians, including three children, were killed early on Friday in a village near the Chechen capital, Grozny, by a group of attackers wearing Russian army uniforms. Russian-Chechen peace talks were briefly interrupted because of the incident.

LITHUANIAN OIL REFINERY SHUT DOWN FOR FIFTH TIME THIS YEAR

VILNIUS, Jul 11, BNS - Lithuania's Mazeikiai oil refinery had to be shut down Sunday because of raw material shortage, refinery officials said. This is the the fifth shutdown at the facility this year. After the latest stoppage in early June, Mazeikiai worked for less than a month and refined 249,000 tons of oil supplied by the companies Kaliningradneftprodukt, Mobil and Rutek. The refinery is expected to resume work after about a week after contracts are signed with the Russian companies Rosneft and Kaliningradneftprodukt.